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incumbent upon the new ministry, he concluded by saying. Lastly, they had a gigantic task, and one which would probably take more than a lifetime to accomplish, but which he was sanguine enough to hope he might see carried out, — it was that by the influence of England they might induce the great nations of the earth to see the folly of keeping up the bloated armaments which are battenning on the blood of the people. For the arbitrament of war they might substitute an understanding that, while they should not interfere in the domestic affairs of other nations, all differences which might arise between nation and nation should be referred to the arbitration of a Peace Congress. When that day came, and he would repeat his belief that it *would* come, instead of spending 26 millions sterling a year in military armaments, we should be able to reduce our military establishments to a peace footing, and bring down the expenditure to something like ten millions per annum. Then might they expect to see the hopes of Mr. Bright realized — “a free breakfastable for the working-man.”

HOWARD AT ATLANTA.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Right in the track where Sherman
Ploughed his red furrow,
Out of the narrow cabin,
Up from the cellar's burrow,
Gathered the little black people,
With freedom newly dowered,
Where, beside their Northern teacher,
Stood the soldier, Howard.

He listened and heard the children
Of the poor and long enslaved
Reading the words of Jesus,
Singing the songs of David.
Behold! the dumb lips speaking,
The blind eyes seeing!
Bones of the Prophet's vision
Warmed into being!

Transformed he saw them passing
Their new life's portal;
Almost it seemed the mortal
Put on the immortal.
No more with beasts of burden,
No more with stone and clod,
But crowned with glory and honor
In the image of God!

There was the human chattel
Its manhood taking;
There, in each dark, bronze statue,
A soul was waking!
The man of many battles,
With tears his eyelids pressing,
Stretched over those dusky foreheads
His one-armed blessing.

And he said: “Who hears can never
Fear for or doubt you:
What shall I tell the children
Up North, about you?”
Then ran round a whisper, a murmur,
Some answer devising;
And a little boy stood up: “Massa,
Tell 'em we're rising!”

O black boy of Atlanta!
But half was spoken:
The slave's chain and the master's
Alike are broken.
The one curse of the races
Held both in tether:
They *are* rising, *all* are rising,
The black and white together!

O brave men and fair women!
Ill comes of hate and scorning:
Shall the dark faces only
Be turned to morning? —
Make Time your sole avenger,
All-healing, all-redressing;
Meet Fate half-way, and make it
A joy and blessing!

THE PRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. — A recent statistical publication says that in the United States there are 542 daily papers, 4425 weekly, 277 monthly; total 5244. The number of printing offices exceeds 6000. In addition there are 56 tri-weekly papers, 63 semi-weekly, 46 semi-monthly publications, 297 monthly, 4 bi-monthly, and 24 quarterly, making the total number of all American publications 5734, or, of newspapers proper, a total of 5358.

What an array is here of moral forces! More than 5,000 periodical papers operating incessantly on some thirty-six million minds in this country! Were all these, or three-quarters of them, to unite in a determined, persistent assault upon any great wrong, or any evil custom, could it long stand before such a moral cannonading? Let them open their batteries upon the practice of war, detailing its horrid facts, exposing its suicidal folly, and showing how its vast and terrible evils might be averted by peaceful expedients for securing the safety, rights and interests of nations; and might they not very soon put an end to all actual war in Christendom?

ANNIVERSARY. — The Annual Address before the American Peace Society is to be delivered by Rev. A. A. MINER, D. D., President of Tufts College, Sabbath evening May 23, in the School Street Church.

The Annual Meeting for business will be held at the Society's rooms, 40 Winter Street, May 26, 3 P. M.

WM. C. BROWN, Rec. Sec.

SPECIAL REQUEST. — Our Society, within the last six months, has greatly enlarged its scale of operations. Instead of its solitary Cor. Secretary, it has already commissioned, chiefly at the West, no less than *twenty-three* Lecturing Agents, and ten Local Agents. Besides a much larger issue of the *Advocate*, we have already stereotyped three volumes, and published more of our stereotyped tracts and volumes than for a dozen years before.

Now, we are very anxious to continue largely this increase of our operations, and *must* or fail in our duty to the great cause we have in charge. We ask, as we deeply need, the advice, sympathy and encouragement of our best friends in this emergency. Our increased operations we have undertaken without any special increase of contributions from our friends, but of course cannot continue them long without larger means. In the publishing department alone we need not less than \$10,000. In this emergency we ask our most reliable friends to be present at our annual business meeting for a special interchange of views. If they cannot come, will they in season send us their views? We must secure soon some reliable basis to sustain these enlarged operations; and one friend, seeing the urgency of the case, stands ready to pledge \$1000 a year for five years, if other friends will increase the amount to \$13,000 a year for that time.